

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 185135  
ORIGIN NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 ONY-00 /011 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/ARP:JWTWINAM:CEJ  
APPROVED BY NEA/ARP:JWTWINAM  
DESIRED DISTRIBUTION  
NEA ONLY

-----014841 061704Z /41

R 061445Z AUG 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
INFO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 185135

STADIS//////////

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CFED, SA, KU, TC, US

SUBJECT: GAO SURVEY ON AVAILABILITY AND SECURITY OF US  
OIL SUPPLIES

REFS: (A) STATE 133381, (B) JIDDA 4179

1. ARP MET AT SOME LENGTH AUGUST 4 WITH MR. LARRY PEGG  
OF GAO WHO HAS TAKEN OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPOSED  
SURVEY. HE INDICATED THAT AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OF RE-  
SEARCH, GAO HAD DECIDED THAT SINCE SAUDI ARABIA WILL BE  
THE CRITICAL FACTOR IN ASSURING ADEQUATE WORLD OIL SUPPLIES  
IN 1980S THE SURVEY WILL BE CONFINED TO SAUDI ARABIA.  
KUWAIT AND ABU DHABI WILL BE DROPPED AND GAO TEAM HAS  
NO PRESENT PLANS TO VISIT THOSE COUNTRIES.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 185135

2. PEGG INDICATED THAT PRESENT THINKING IS THAT FOCUS OF  
STUDY WILL BE ON WHAT FACTORS WILL INFLUENCE SAUDI  
DECISIONS ON OIL PRODUCTION LEVELS AND WHAT ASPECTS OF  
THE US-SAUDI RELATIONSHIP MIGHT HAVE A BEARING ON SAG  
DECISIONS. OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION IN ARP IS THAT GAO TEAM  
IS OFF TO A GOOD START IN DEVELOPING A SOUND UNDERSTANDING

OF THE FACTORS INVOLVED AND INTENDS TO DO EXTENSIVE  
RESEARCH IN WAHSINGTON, INCLUDING DISCUSSIONS WITH A WIDE  
RANGE OF USG OFFICIALS, BEFORE VISITING SAUDI ARABIA IN

OCTOBER. PEG INDICATED THAT GAO IS STILL THINKING ABOUT  
SPENDING FIVE WEEKS IN SAUDI ARABIA AND ARP DIRECTOR ONCE  
AGAIN URGED THAT GAO THINK ALONG LINES OF A MUCH  
SHORTER STAY IN COUNTRY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN TOUCH  
WITH PEG IN COMING WEEKS AND WILL KEEP EMBASSY JIDDA  
INFORMED. CHRISTOPHER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 06-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977STATE185135  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** JJWTWINAM:CEJ  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770283-0188  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:**  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770889/aaaacxcd.tel  
**Line Count:** 72  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 64ee5160-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN NEA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** ONLY, STADIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** ONLY, STADIS  
**Reference:** 77 STATE 133381, 77 JIDDA 4179  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 06-Apr-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1684478  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** GAO SURVEY ON AVAILABILITY AND SECURITY OF US OIL SUPPLIES  
**TAGS:** CFED, SA, KU, TC, US  
**To:** JIDDA  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/64ee5160-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009